

**MINUTES  
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2005**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Freedom Hill County Park.

**ROLL CALL**

**In Attendance:**

James M. Perna, President  
Gasper Salerno, Vice President  
Ann E. Klein, Secretary  
Fran Gillett  
Anthony J. Lipinski  
Peter J. Lund  
Timothy M. Malone  
Dolores Thomas, Rep. Anthony V. Marrocco  
Marvin E. Sauger  
Betty Slinde

**Excused:**

Dino F. Bucci, Jr.

**Others Present:**

Anthony G. Casasanta, and David Humbyrd of Parks and Recreation, Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A MOTION BY SALERNO, SUPPORTED BY SLINDE, WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**BUILDING UPDATES**

Mr. Casasanta presented the proposed request by Hillside Productions, caterers of the Independence Building, to alter and control portions of the building to the Commission. Hillside Productions has proposed to place a wall in Conference Room A, to create a coatroom and additional storage. Also proposed, was to place a wall in the current storage/break room, to divide the room up for liquor and dry goods storage. Hillside Productions has also requested use of the small office located off the back of the front informational office for a catering office.

Mr. Casasanta explained what the proposed changes would do to daily operations and he stated that the current staff break room would have to be relocated in the storage area next to the administrative offices.

Discussion followed by the Commission with concerns of displacing staff, losing usable square footage of the conference room, compensation for using additional space, and concerns about the contract and if the requests are permissible based on the current contract.

A request was made by the Commission to have Corporation Counsel meet with representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Hillside Productions to discuss this matter further.

No action was taken by the Commission on this matter at this time.

#### OTHER

Mr. Casasanta handed out a draft of the 2005 Winter Parks and Recreation Newsletter for the Commission to review and discuss at the next regular meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**A MOTION BY SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY SALERNO, WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND THE MOTION CARRIED.**

President Perna adjourned the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Sincerely

Ann E. Klein, Secretary  
Macomb County Parks and Recreation Commission

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